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Applicant(s):           Hans-Dietrich SULZER  
Int'l App. No.:        PCT/CH03/00408  
Application No.:       **NEW APPLICATION**  
Filed:                 January 14, 2005  
For:                    METHOD FOR PRODUCING HEAT EXCHANGER  
                         ELEMENTS, HEAT EXCHANGER ELEMENTS AND  
                         METHOD FOR ASSEMBLING SUCH ELEMENTS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.